Curtailment of expenditure

5379. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of papers/documents/ information has to be supplied to different Parliamentary Committees by the Department of Culture.

(b) whether it is also a fact that a lot of time is being taken for beautification (such as spiral binding in place of just stapling) of the paper/documents;

(c) if so, whether comparative study with regard to expenditure incurred by the Department of Culture has been conducted with its sister departments; and

(d) what are the details thereof and what steps are being taken to avoid this avoidable expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No sir, only two out of 13 documents were spiral bound.

(c) and (d) No expenditure was incurred for this purpose.

International/National heritage sites of Himachal Pradesh

5380. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of historical monuments in Himachal Pradesh which have been identified as international/internal heritage sites;

(b) whether some of them are in a neglected State as necessary protection has not been provided by the Archaeological Survey of India to them; and

(c) the details of such monuments and the steps taken or proposed to be taken to protect such rich heritage in Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) There are 39 monuments and sites of national importance under Archaeological Survey of India in Himachal Pradesh, as per list given as statement (See below).

(b) Archaeological Survey of India is not aware of the status of monuments not under its protection.

(c) Question does not arise.